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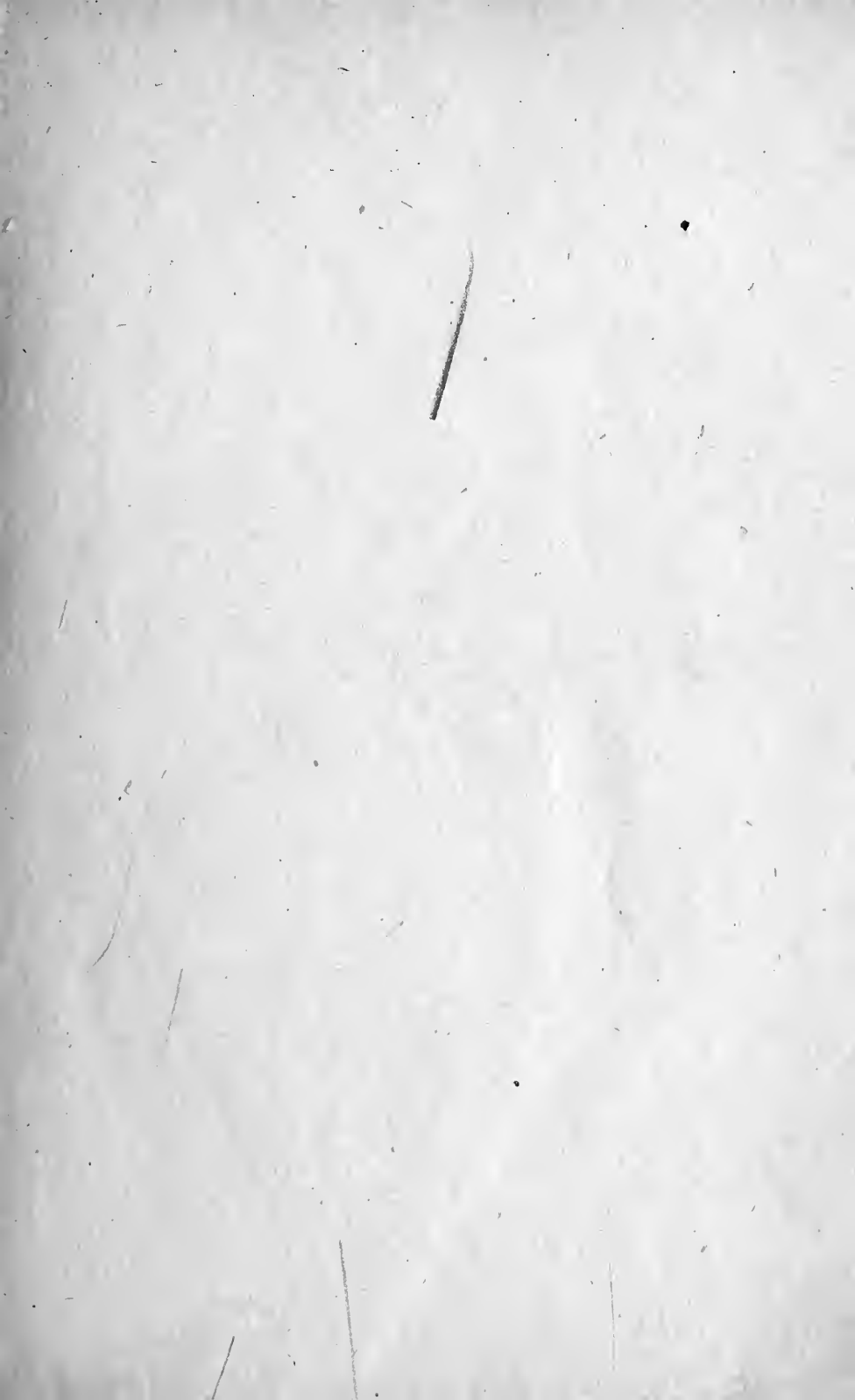
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THE FAMILY
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OF
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THE MERRIAM FAMILY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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THE following record was, with the exception of a few words, completely ready for the printers before the departure of the author for Europe in May, 1886, consequently before the publication of "SOME MERIAMS AND Their Connection with other Families," by Rufus N. Meriam in 1888. The latter work is in no sense a genealogy of the family, and I therefore have no hesitation in carrying out my intention of printing this account of the early generations. The two pamphlets should in fact be bound together. They will be found not always to agree exactly, and while I hope that in all such cases I am right, I will not positively assert that I must be so.

The wills of Robert and Mary Merriam of Concord, Mass., are remarkable for the number of relatives named in them, and from them we learn some family connections not noticed by Savage or Shattuck. They are here printed at length from the originals in the registry of probate at East Cambridge, and are followed by the will of George Merriam from the same source, and that of Joseph Merriam from the registry of probate in Boston.

WILL OF ROBERT MERRIAM.

I Robert Meriam of Concord in the County of Middelsex in Massachusetts Colony in New England, being in p^rfect memory doe make this my last will and Testament in manour and forme following ;

First I co^mitt & comend my soule into the hands of God my faithfull Father who hath called me to the fellowship of his son Jesus Christ in hom I have beleved, knowing that he is able to keepe that which I have comitted to him and my body to be decently buryed, beleving the Resurrection thereof to eternall life, as touching the temporall Estat which God hath given me, as foloweth ;

It I give to my loving wife all my moveables to be to her use and dispose, and the housing and lot of land it stands on & two orchards : which I now live in ; and lyeth in the Towne of Concord ; betwen John Wheelers house lott ; and Joshua Whelers and also all the medow I have lying in the great Medow betwen M^r John Flints medow ; and my Cosen Buss medow ; and all that medow & upland lying in oake medow or mento so called ; and ninty six acres of coman land in the

South quarter of the Towne as the bounds of it appear in the Towne booke.

It I give to my Cosen Isaak Day in old England, which is son to my sister Joan Day now decesed ; all my housing and lands being and lying within the bounds of Cambridg ; provid he come over and take possession of it before my wifes decease, in case he doe not, I give it to my Cosen Joseph Meriam now decesed, Robert Meriam his son of the Towne of Cambridg and his heires for ever.

It I give to my Cosen Jonathan Hubbard hoe liveth with me twenty shillings.

It I give to Joseph French, whoe formerly lived with me ; Twenty acres of land to be layed out where he now liveth ; and all the housing which stands on it ; beginning at the drene he hath mad in the gutter wher the water runeth next my Brother George Meriams now decesed lands ; south west of it, and betwene the great medow, and the heiway way going from the Towne to Billicary ; I say to the nombor of twenty acres.

It I give all my other lands accept before mensioned, and by deeds of gift to others to this day : to my too Brothers Children, now decesed, that is to say Joseph Meriam and Geo Meriams Children ; that is to say three sons and five daghters ; William Meriam and John Meriam ; & Samewell Meriam ; the daughters Elizabeth Hinckesman ; Seuesan Schotchford ; Elizabeth West ; Hanna Tailler and Abigall Batman ; said lands medow & uplands ; These eight persones fore-mensioned ; to devide said lands every on to have an equall proportion ; also I bequeth and give to those forementioned Eight p^rsones, every on of them (ten pounds) apeece.

It I give to Reverend M^r Bulkely Paster of the Church of Concord forty shillings.

It I give to my Cosen John Buss four pounds.

It I give to Sara Wheler, which formerly lived with me forty shillings.

It I give to the poore of the Towne of Concord four pound in corne.

I doe hearby further declare my mening to be, and my full will is that house at Cambridg & house that Joseph French liveth in, before mensioned. The rents of them be payed to and received by my Wife, deuring her life ; lastly I do hereby nominat, and constitut my dear and loving Wife Mary my sole executrix of this my will ; In witnes hereof I sete to my hand and seale ; the word, accep, above interlined before signing and sealing, I do set to my hand and seale this tent day of Desem^r on thousing sex hundred, Eighty on.

Signed & sealed in the
presents of us

Timothy Wheller

John Smedley sener

Proved 4 April 1682.

ROBERT MERIAM.

WILL OF MARY MERRIAM.

I Mary Merieam widdow of Concord in the County of Medelsex in the Masatusuts Colliny in New England : being in perfect memory doe make this my last will and Testament in maner and form as following : First I commeet my soule into the hands of God my Father through Jesus Christ : and my body to be decently buried : hoping the resurection therof to eternall life.

As touching my outward estate which God hath given mee as followeth.

It I give to my cousin Jonathan Hubard who liveth now in my hous with me all my housinge and lands in Concord which my Husband gave to me and the medow which I bought of John Willer, and a wood lott which was my husbands that I bought againe, to him and his heirs for ever.

It I give to my cousin Mr^{is} Elizabeth Corwin my Brother Jacob Sheafes eldest daughter ten pounds in monny to her or her children.

I give to my cousin Mr^{is} Mehittibell Sheafe the younger daughter of my Brother Sheafe ten pounds in monny to her or her children.

It I give to my owne sisters children but four of them liveing now in the sowarn parts to say John Chittenden, Nathanaell Chittenden and there two sisters Mary and Johana ten pounds apice in monny two them or theer children.

It I give to my cousin John Rucke five pounds in monny to him or his children.

It I give to my cousin Samuell Rucke five pounds in monny to him or his children.

It I give to my cousin Willam Meriam four pounds in monny to him or his children.

It I give to my cousin Elyzabeth West four pounds in monny to her or her children.

It I give to my cosin Isack Day four pounds in monny to him or his children.

It I give to my cousin John Meriam forty shillings in monny to him or his children.

It I give to my cousin Samuell Meriam forty shillings in monny to him or his children.

It I give to my cousin Scochford or his wife forty shillings in monny.

It I give to my cousin Robert Merriam six pounds in monny and my great silfer cup.

It I give to Sara Willer which formerly lived with me halfe my wearing apearell linen or wollen silk or stufe to her or her children, and the other halfe to my cousin Samuell Meriams wife and her children.

It I give to John Hamelton four pounds in goods.

Lastly I doe heareby nomenate and consticute my cousin Jonathan Hubbard that now lives with me and my cousin John Meriam and my cousin Samuells Meriam my joynt Executers of this my will. In witness hearof I set to my hand and seale This Fifteen day of February one thousand six hundered Eighty six Eighty seven.

Two words scribled out before signed in the 16 line.

Signed sealed and published before us MARY MERIEAM.

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Proved 21 August 1693

WILL OF GEORGE MERRIAM.

I George Mirriam of Concord in New Engl^d. in the Coun. of Midd. being in perfect memory do make this my last will & testam^t. in manner & forme as following. first I co^mitt and co^mend my Soul into the hands of God my mercifull father, who hath called mee to the fellowship of his son Jesus Ch^t. in whom I have beleived, knowing he is able to keep y^t w^h I have co^mitted to him, and my body to be decently buried, beleiveing the resurrec^on thereof to Eternall life, As touching the temporal estate that God hath given mee as followeth.

Itm. I give to my beloved wife all my moveables to be at her dispose. Itm. I give to my five daughters, Sarah Gove of Cambridge, Elizab. West of Salem, Hannah Axdell of Marlbury, Susan Scotchford of Concord, and Abigail Bateman of Concord, these sev^l all parcels of land hereafter mentioned, namely: Eighteen acc^s of upland beyond Crane feild, Six acc^s meadow at faire haven, Two acc^s of plow land in the South feild, Two acc^s of meadow in the great meadow, fifteen acc^s of woodland beyond Cedar Swamp, five acc^s of woodland by M^r Flynts pond, fourteen acc^s of woodland at y^e head of y^e oxpasture, Eight acc^s of land by y^e suburbs neere Rocky meadow, fifty seven acc^s of land, & forty five acc^s of land, at y^e lower end of Elme brook meadow, Thirteen acc^s of meadow called Birch meadow, to be equally divided between them, as they shall agree among themselves, or upon non agreem^t by a Co^mittee mutually chosen between them. Itm. I give to my sonn Samuel my houseing & lands joyneing thereunto, cont^l. three lotts, being in quantity thirty acc^s more or less, & six acc^s meadow in the Town meadow, with two acc^s of upland thereto adjoyneing, & twelve of meadow in Elm brook meadow, with four acc^s of swamp & upland joyneing thereto, & two acc^s in Cedar swamp, provided that this my son Samuel do well provide for comfortable maintenance of his mother during her naturall life, & take care for her decent buryall w^h deceased, My will also is that if Susan my wife

for her greater conveniency shall choose to live with any of her daughters, or any other place in Concord, that then my said son Samuel shall allow five pounds p añ to his mother in such provisions as her meet for her in the place shee shall from time to time be in ; Also I appoynt my said son Samuel Executo^r of this my last will and testam^t. In witness whereof I set to my hand & seale, this 8th day of Octob. one thousand six hundred seaventy & five.

Signed & sealed
in the p^rsence of

GEORGE MIRRYAM.

Joseph Estabrook
Robert Mirriam
Thomas Burges

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Proved 4 April 1676

WILL OF JOSEPH MERRIAM.

The 29th of the 10th month in the yeare of o^r Lord 1640.

The last will & Testament of Joseph Miriam of Concord.

I Joseph Miriam of Concord being weake in bodie but blessed be God of good memory & sence inwardly do comit my soule to God in Jesus Christ & my body to the earth from whence it came.

Item I give & bequeath to Sarah my wife all my whole estate towards and for the bringing up of all my children ; & I do give to the said Sarah my wife power and authority to sell my house that I now dwell in if God shall offer such an opportunity it being larger and bigger than she shall stand in need of : and that the overplus of providing a lesse house shalbe disposed in some way for the good & benefit of my wife & children : And my mind & will is that my wife shall have the bringing up of all my children untill they come to the age of one and twenty yeares the sonns & the daughters either at that time or at the day of marriage : & my will & mind is that when my eldest child shall come to the age of one & twenty yeares, then my estate shalbe prised & the said Sarah my wife shall have the third part of my estate at that time in possession, whether augmented or diminished, according as God hath blessed it : & my sonns shall have a double portion with my daughters and according as my children come to age, I meane my sonns to one & twenty and my daughters either at that age or at the day of marriage ; they shall receive theire portions according to the proportion of estate at that time when each of them shall come to age or as aforesaid : And my will & mind is that if the said Sarah my wife shall marry againe that then my estate shalbe prised : & valued & the said Sarah my wife shall have the third wholly to her selfe ; the rest of my estate shalbe for my children, & the increase of that shalbe for the bringing of them up untill my sonne William shall come to one & twenty yeares, & then he shall have his portion as aforesaid : &

then the rest of my estate both principall & increase shalbe preserved for my other children I conceiving they then being sufficient to live of themselves: except it be in case of sicknes or infirmity; wch then according to any of their necessities shalbe supply made out of the stocke undivided.

And further my will & mind is, that if my wife be wth child; that then none of my children shall have any increase of my stock preserved for them, but according as they come to age they shall receive their portions as aforesaid: & the increase of the stock still undivided shall go for the bringing up of the yonge one:

And my mind & will is to make my wife my whole executor & with her my trusty & welbeloved brethren Mr Thomas Flint, Simon Willard, Robert Miriam, whom I humbly intreate & put in trust to take care & oversee & give counsel to my wife about my estate & children and their affaires: & especially my wife shall not sell my house or any accomodations wthout their councell & approbation or the major part of them.

Proved 26 October 1642.

Of the relatives named in the wills of Robert and Mary Merriam, "Cosen Isaak Day in old England" came to this country and lived at Cambridge from 1686 till 1692, when he seems to have returned to England. "Cosen Jonathan Hubard" was son of John of Wethersfield, Conn., afterwards of Hadley and Hatfield, who probably married a sister of Robert Merriam. "Cosen John Buss" was also surely son of another sister of Robert Merriam. "Cousin M^{rs} Elizabeth Corwin" was wife of Jonathan of Salem. John, Nathaniel, Mary and Joanna Chittenden were children of William, whose wife was Joan Sheaf, sister of Mrs. Mary Merriam; they lived at Guilford, Conn. John and Samuel Ruck were, I suppose, of Salem; their mother seems to have been a sister of Mrs. Mary Merriam, and therefore a Sheaf.

The Merriam family of Concord, probably the only* early family of the name in New England, was founded by three brothers, Joseph, George and Robert, who were undoubtedly sons of WILLIAM MIRIAM, buried at Hadlow in Kent,† England, 23 September, 1635; his will here follows:—

In the Name of God Amen the eighth daie of September in the yeare of our Lord Christ one thousand six hundred thirty and five; I William Mirriam of Hadlowe in the County of Kent Clothier being of sound and good memory, and in reasonable good health

* John Merriam of Boston and Samuel Merriam of Charlestown, mentioned by the Hon. James Savage in the Genealogical Dictionary of New England, were really Marion, and are also recorded by him under their proper name.

† The Kentish settlers in New England were many; I was told at Canterbury that the story or legend of the "great emigration" still lingers in the Weald of Kent.

of body but aged and thereby as well as by daylie examples and the consideration of mans mortalitye put in mynd of my last end and departure of this world, for the setting of that estate wherewith God hath blessed mee Doe ordayne and make this my Testament and last Will in manner followinge First therefore recomending my Soule to the gracious acceptance of Almighty God through Jesus Christ my Saviour And my bodie to the earth in decent manner to be buried I will to the Poore of Hadlowe Tenn shillings Item I will to Susan my daughter already preferred fifty shillings Item I will to my daughter Margarit likewise preferred already the like sum of fifty shillings Item to my daughter Joane already preferred one shilling Item I will to Sara my daughter the sume of fortie poundes of lawfull English money to be paid unto her within three monthes next after my decease by mine Executor hereafter named ; Item I will to Sara my louving wife * all the household stuff of myne which is in my nowe dwellinghouse situate at Barnestreete in Hadlowe aforesaid Item I will to the said Sara my wife the five poundes p Annum which shее is to be paid out of my Landes in Goodherst in the County of Kent during her naturall life And allsoe I will unto her Three pounds per annum of lawfull English money to be paid to her during her naturall life (halfe yearly by equall porcons) out of my tenement and lands in Yalding in the said County And for defaulte of payment thereof to her accordinglie I will that it shall and may be lawful to and for my said wife and her assigns to enter and distreyne upon my said tenement and lands or any part thereof And the distress and distresses to hold and deteyne until the said annuity of three pounds shall be paid unto her from tyme to tyme according to the purport of this my Will And further I will that my said wife shall freely and quietly have her dwelling & abiding in my dwelling house aforesaid after my decease during the whole terme of her naturall life with free accesse ingress egress and recourse to and from the same And into and from the gardens and orchards for herbs water and for her bruinge bakeing washinge dryinge and the like needfull occasions Item I will to my sonne Joseph Myrriam all such household stuffe as I shall have at the time of my decease remaining and being in the house wherein he now dwelleth situate in Tewdly or elsewhere, where he shall then dwell being in his custody or possession Item I will to George Mirriam my son Five pounds and to his daughter Mary my Goddaughter Five shillings Item I will to William Howe my Grandchild Tenne shillings And to every childe of his father Thomas Howe which he had by my daughter his late deceased wife I will five shillings Item I will to William Mirriam my Grandchilde Son of the said Joseph

* The only intimation I have as to the possible parentage of Sara, wife of William Mirriam of Hadlow, is in the will of James Burges of Tudeley 1590, who mentioned his son-in-law William Merryan. A Thomas Burges was a witness to the will of George Merriam of Concord 1675.

my Sonne Five shillings All which legacyes before by mee bequeathed (not assigned to anie time of payment) I will shalbe paid within one whole ——— next after my decease And if any legatorie beforenamed shalbe then within age I will my Executor shall paie it to the Parent of such Legatorie and soe shalbe discharged thereof And as touchinge my lands and tenements this is also the last Will of me the said William Mirriam made and declared the day and yeare first abovewritten Item I will to Joseph Mirriam my Son and to his heires and assignes for ever all my landes and tenements lying in Yalding in the said Countie of Kent with their and every of their appurtenances charged with the beforementioned annuity of Three pounds willed to my said wife as aforesaid to be paid unto her Item I will to Robert Mirriam my Sonne and to his heires and assigns for ever all that messuage or tenement wherein I now dwell situate lying and being in Hadlow aforesaid with the barns out-houses yards gardens orchards and all my landes thereto belonging And also all other my landes tenements and hereditaments with their and every of their appurtenances lying and being in Hadlow aforesaid To hold to the said Robert his heirs and assignes for ever he and they suffering my wife to have her dwelling and the easements and commoditees aforesaid To the which Robert my Sonne I will and give all my goods and chattels not formerly bequeathed To hold to him his executors and assignes for ever And I do ordain and make the said Robert the full and sole Executor of this my Testament and last Will Sealed with my Seale Dated the daie and yeare first before written The marke of the said William Mirriam Sealed published and declared in the presence of Thomas Humphrey. John Hooper noññ pbq.

Proved at Rochester 27 November 1635.

Nothing relating to the family is found in the registers of the parishes of Goudhurst, Hadlow and Yalding, except the burial of William Miriam at Hadlow, and the baptism at Goudhurst 16 July 1581 of William son of William Meriam, perhaps a son of the testator, who died before his father. Of Tudeley the early register is unfortunately not to be found. At Tunbridge, near which are all these villages, George Miriam and Susan Raven were married 16 October 1627; they had there Mary, b. and d. 1628, Mary or Susan, b. 1630, Elizabeth, b. 1635, ? d. 1636, and Joseph, b. 1637.

The names of children and grandchildren, mentioned in the will and born at Tunbridge, agree almost exactly with those found at Concord, where we have the three sons, George with a wife Susan, and both Joseph and George with children born in England, nearly the same as named above. Joane, daughter of William Mirriam, undoubtedly married Thomas Day of Brenchley, who had a son Isaac and died in 1653; Thomas Day of Horsemonden, probably son of Thomas of Brenchley, died in 1659, and in his will mention-

ed his mother Joane and his brothers Isaac, Joseph and Richard. One of the other daughters probably married a Buss, and was mother of John Buss of Concord, and still another probably married John Hubbard, and was mother of Jonathan Hubbard of Concord.

1. II. JOSEPH MERRIAM, probably eldest of the three brothers, married Sarah ———, came to New England, settled at Concord, Mass.; Freeman of Massachusetts 14 March, 1639; died 1 January, 1641; his widow married secondly Joseph Wheeler of Concord, and died 12 March, 1671. Children:

- i. William. 4
- ii. Sarah, b. ———; m. Thomas Wheeler of Concord; d. before 1681; he d. ? 12 June, 1695.
- iii. Joseph, b. in 1629. 5
- iv. Elizabeth, b. ———; m. Thomas Henchman of Chelmsford and Charlestown; d. in 1705; he d. in 1703.
- v. John, b. at Concord 9 July, 1641, posthumous. 6

2. II. GEORGE MERRIAM, probably second of the three brothers, married at Tunbridge, Kent, 16 October, 1627, Susan Raven; came to New England, settled at Concord, Mass.; Freeman of Massachusetts, 2 June, 1641; died 29 December, 1675. Children:

- i. Mary, bapt. at Tunbridge 30 November, 1628; bur. 4 December, 1628.
- ii. Mary,* bapt. at Tunbridge 14 November, 1630; d. at Concord 10 August, 1646.
- iii. Susan, b. ———; m. John Scotchford of Concord; d. 2 February, 1707; he d. 10 June, 1696.
- iv. Elizabeth, bapt. at Tunbridge 18 January, 1635; ? bur. 14 May, 1636.
- v. Joseph, bapt. at Tunbridge 26 February, 1637; d. young.
- vi. Sarah, b. at Concord 17 July, 1639 †; m. 18 October, 1658, William Hall, who d. 10 March, 1667, and she m. secondly ——— Gove of Cambridge; d. before 1681.
- vii. Elizabeth, b. at Concord 8 November, 1641; m. 7 September, 1664, Henry West of Salem; d. in August, 1691.
- viii. Samuel, b. at Concord ? 21 July, 1643. 7
- ix. Hannah, b. at Concord ? 14 July, 1645; m. 14 June, 1665, Henry Axtell of Marlborough, who was killed by Indians 19 April, 1676, and she m. secondly 16 July, 1677, William Taylor of Concord, who d. 6 December, 1696.
- x. Abigail, b. at Concord ? 15 July, 1647; m. 25 April, 1672, Thomas Bateman of Concord; d. 14 July, 1684; he d. ? 6 October, 1727.

3. II. ROBERT MERRIAM, probably youngest of the three brothers, born about 1610; married Mary, daughter of Edmond

* On Tunbridge register is interlined, "Susan ut puto," making some uncertainty between this daughter and the next.

† There is no certainty as to dates of birth of children born at Concord.

Sheaf of Cranbrook, Kent, where she was baptized 26 September, 1620; came to New England, settled at Charlestown, Mass., but soon moved to Concord; Freeman of Massachusetts 13 March, 1639; was Deacon, Town-Clerk 1654-67, Deputy 1655-8; had no children; died 15 February, 1682; she died 22 July, 1693.

THIRD GENERATION.

4. III. WILLIAM MERRIAM, born in England; lived here first at Concord; Freeman 2 May, 1649; moved to Lynn; married Elizabeth, daughter of Allen Breed of Lynn. Children, born at Lynn:

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| i. Joseph. | 8 |
| ii. Elizabeth, b. 8 November, 1654; m. 11 August, 1675, Samuel Edmonds of Lynn. | |
| iii. John, b. 13 September, 1657; d. young. | |
| iv. Sarah, b. 3 June, 1660; d. young. | |
| v. Rebecca, b. 21 October, 1662. | |
| vi. Sarah, b. 14 September, 1665; m. 11 July, 1681, John Jenks of Lynn. | |
| vii. William, b. 8 March, 1668. | 9 |
| viii. John, b. 25 April, 1671. | 10 |

His wife died, and he married secondly 11 October, 1676, Ann Jones, who died 29 July, 1677, and he married thirdly Sarah ———; d. in May, 1689.

5. III. JOSEPH MERRIAM, born in England in 1629; lived at Concord and Cambridge, i. e. probably Lexington; Freeman 22 May, 1650; married at Concord 12 July, 1653, Sarah, daughter of Gregory Stone of Cambridge; died at Concord 20 April, 1677; she died at Lexington 5 April, 1704. Children:

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| i. Sarah, b. at Concord 2 August, 1654; m. 14 June, 1688, Eleazar Ball of Concord, who d. 15 November, 1698, and she m. secondly 7 June, 1699, Samuel Fletcher of Chelmsford; d. 29 April, 1703. | |
| ii. Lydia, b. at ——— 3 August, 1656; d. 29 December, 1690. | |
| iii. Joseph, b. at Cambridge 25 May, 1658. | 11 |
| iv. Elizabeth, b. at Cambridge 20 May, 1660; m. Isaac Wood. | |
| v. John, b. at Cambridge 30 August, 1662. | 12 |
| vi. Mary, b. at Cambridge 14 June, 1664; m. Isaac Stearns. | |
| vii. Robert, b. at ——— 17 December, 1667. | 13 |
| viii. Ruth, b. ———; m. 3 December, 1690, Nathaniel Stow of Concord; d. 14 July, 1718. | |
| ix. Thomas, b. at ——— in 1672. | 14 |

6. III. JOHN MERRIAM, born at Concord 9 July, 1641; married at Concord 21 October, 1663, Mary, daughter of John Cooper of Cambridge; lived at Concord; Freeman 12 May, 1675;

died at Concord 27 February, 1724; she died 5 March, 1731.
Children, born at Concord :

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| i. John, b. 3 September, 1666. | 15 |
| ii. Anne, b. 7 September, 1669; m. 9 August, 1692, Daniel Brooks of Concord; he d. 18 October, 1733. | |
| iii. Nathaniel, b. 10 December, 1672. | 16 |
| iv. Ebenezer. | 17 |
| v. Joseph, b. 15 August, 1677. | 18 |
| vi. Samuel, b. 23 July, 1681. | 19 |

7. III. SAMUEL MERRIAM, born at Concord 21 July, 1643; married 21 November, 1669, Elizabeth Townsend; lived at Concord; Freeman 22 March, 1690; she died 19 November, 1705. Children, born at Concord :

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| i. Mary, b. 30 September, 1671; m. ? ——— Gates of Harvard. | |
| ii. Elizabeth, b. 5 October, 1673; m. ? ——— Gates of Harvard. | |
| iii. Sarah, b. 18 August, 1675; m. 23 November, 1697, Edward Wheeler of Concord; d. 25 October, 1738; he d. 17 February, 1734. | |
| iv. Susan, b. 20 August, 1677; m. 29 May, 1704, John Fox of Concord. | |
| v. Samuel, b. 17 October, 1679. | 20 |
| vi. Hannah, b. 16 February, 1682; m. 11 January, 1710, Nathaniel Fox of Dracut; he d. in ? 1770. | |
| vii. Abigail, b. 19 October, 1684; m. ——— Marble of Stow. | |

FOURTH GENERATION.

8. IV. JOSEPH MERRIAM, born at Lynn; married 19 August, 1675, Sarah Jenkins; lived at Lynn; Freeman 18 April, 1691; died 21 October, 1702. Children, born at Lynn :

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| i. Joseph, b. 10 July, 1676; ? d. young. | |
| ii. Benjamin, b. 23 April, 1678; ? d. young. | |
| iii. Sarah, b. 26 February, 1681; m. in 1703 Jacob Powers of Concord. | |
| iv. Elizabeth, b. 2 July, 1683. | |
| v. Ebenezer, b. 11 February, 1686. | |
| vi. Theophilus, b. 16 July, 1688; d. in December, 1744, found dead in ice on Saugus river. | |
| vii. Mary, b. ———; m. in 1711 David Potter of Ipswich. | |

9. IV. WILLIAM MERRIAM, born at Lynn 8 March, 1668; married 3 June, 1690, Hannah Duggle; Freeman 18 April, 1691. Children, born at Lynn :

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| i. Hannah, b. 1 March, 1691. |
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His wife died 18 August, 1693, and he married secondly 20 December, 1695, Athildred Berry. Children, born at Lynn :

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| ii. William, b. 9 September, 1696; d. 20 September, 1696. |
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- iii. Jerusha, b. 21 February, 1698; m. in 1716 Edward Parker of Wallingford.
- iv. Ichabod, b. 20 November, 1700.
- v. Eunice, b. 18 May, 1704.
- vi. William, b. 31 March, 1708.

His wife died, and he married thirdly in 1709 Abigail Mower, who died 26 February, 1711, and he married fourthly in 1711 Ruth Webb.

10. IV. JOHN MERRIAM, born at Lynn 25 April, 1671; married Rebecca ———; lived at Lynn. Children, born at Lynn:

- i. ———, still-born 25 March, 1695.
- ii. Nathaniel, b. 26 March, 1696.
- iii. John, b. 26 October, 1697; ? of Wallingford, Conn.
- iv. William, b. 9 April, 1700.
- v. Rebecca, b. 26 March, 1702.
- vi. Joseph, b. 29 March, 1704.
- vii. Ruth, b. 12 February, 1706.
- viii. Abigail, b. 14 August, 1708.
- ix. Susan, b. 10 November, 1710.

11. 12. 13. 14. The descendants of all these are recorded in Hudson's History of Lexington. As to 12, JOHN, I will say that his will adds to the children named in that volume a son John,* and three daughters, Sarah, wife of Philip Russell, Lydia and Ruth, thus partially filling the gap deplored by Mr. Hudson.

15. IV. JOHN MERRIAM, born at Concord 3 September, 1666; married 22 July, 1691, Sarah Wheeler. Child, born at Concord:

- i. John, b. 26 July, 1692.

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His wife died 2 August, 1692, and he married secondly 16 February, 1693, Sarah, daughter of Benjamin Spalding of Chelmsford; Freeman 22 March, 1690; Lieutenant; lived at Concord, afterwards at Littleton; died 30 November, 1748.

16. IV. NATHANIEL MERRIAM, born at Concord 10 December, 1672; married 18 November, 1701, Mary Taylor; lived at Concord,

* Probable record of this John.

V. JOHN MERRIAM, b. probably at Lexington in 1695-6; m. Hannah ? Willard; d. at Littleton 3 July, 1737, aged 41. Children, b. at Littleton:

- i. Willard, b. 6 September, 1723; m. at Concord 11 April, 1749, Sarah Hartwell; she d. at Littleton 12 or 23 April, 1785, and he m. secondly 29 September, 1785, Martha, daughter of Solomon Phipps of Charlestown; she d. 24 October, 1793, and he m. thirdly 29 May, 1794, Elizabeth, daughter of Solomon Phipps of Charlestown.
- ii. John, b. 5 November, 1725; m. 11 March, 1755, Hannah Goldsmith; moved to Walpole, N. H.; d. in 1814; she d. in 1824.
- iii. Mary, b. 27 January, 1728.
- iv. Silas, b. 9 August, 1730; d. 16 January, 1737.
- v. Daniel, b. 14 March, 1733; d. young.
- vi. Hannah, b. 29 October, 1735.

afterwards at Bedford; was Deacon; died 11 December, 1738; she died 19 May, 1764. Children, born at Concord:

- i. Mary, b. 22 December, 1702; m. Francis Wheeler of Concord; d. in 1737; he d. in November, 1774.
- ii. John, b. 16 May, 1704. 22

17. IV. EBENEZER MERRIAM, born at Concord ———; married 6 December, 1705, Elizabeth, daughter probably of Gershom Brooks. Children, born at Concord:

- i. Ebenezer, b. 23 August, 1717. 23
- ii. Timothy, b. 27 May, 1720; probably d. young.
- iii. Oliver, b. 5 June, 1722; Harvard College 1749; d. 29 May, 1751.

His wife died, and he married secondly at Bedford 9 December, 1742, Elizabeth, widow of Stephen Davis of Bedford; she died at Bedford 5 June, 1752, and he married thirdly at Concord 8 February, 1753, Abigail Fox; she died 16 January, 1759, and he married fourthly at Concord 4 December, 1759, Elizabeth Rigbe; she died 15 April, 1762, and he married fifthly at Concord 2 November, 1762, Esther Laughton.

18. IV. JOSEPH MERRIAM, born at Concord 15 August, 1677; married 24 March, 1705, Dorothy, daughter of Noah Brooks of Concord; lived at Concord; died 10 December, 1750; his widow married secondly, 26 December, 1751, John Hunt of Concord; died 28 May, 1774. Children, born at Concord:

- i. Dorothy, b. 5 April, 1706; m. 4 November, 1736, Joseph Adams of Concord; d. 25 July, 1791; he d. 10 May, 1790.*
- ii. Mary, b. 5 July, 1707; m. Simon Hunt of Concord; he d. in ? 1791.
- iii. Joseph, b. 16 September, 1709; d. at Grafton, 5 May, 1797†.
- iv. Samuel, b. 26 August, 1712. 24
- v. Nathan, b. 12 May, 1720. 25
- vi. Josiah, b. 13 February, 1726. 26

19. IV. SAMUEL MERRIAM, born at Concord 23 July, 1681; married 8 November, 1711, Sarah Wheeler; lived at Concord, afterwards at Bedford; died 22 March, 1761. Children, born at Concord:

- i. Sarah, b. 1 April, 1713; m. ——— Wheeler.
- ii. Benjamin, b. 5 August, 1717.
- iii. Nathaniel, b. 7 May, 1720. 27
- iv. Amos, b. 13 July, 1723; probably d. before his father, unmarried.

20. IV. SAMUEL MERRIAM, born at Concord 17 October, 1679; married 12 May, 1708, Abiel Lee; lived at Concord; was Captain and Deacon; died 1 June, 1764; she died 29 August, 1756. Child:

- i. Samuel, b. at Concord 30 June, 1712; d. 10 March, 1736.

* These were the great-grandparents of the author.

† For his descendants see History of Grafton.

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21. V. JOHN MERRIAM, born at Concord 26 July, 1692; married 15 November, 1714, Abigail Norcross of Sudbury; lived at Concord, afterwards at Littleton; died in 1735. Children:

- i. Sarah, b. at Concord 22 November, 1715.
- ii. Abigail, b. at Concord 19 September, 1717.
- iii. John, b. at Concord 1 January, 1720; d. young.
- iv. Jerusha, b. at Concord 22 February, 1722.
- v. Mary, b. at Concord 4 May, 1724; m. 8 May, 1746, Jacob Farrar.
- vi. Jemima, b. at Littleton 16 August, 1726; d. 13 June, 1729.
- vii. John, b. at Littleton 30 June, 1729; m. at Concord 11 September, 1755, Sarah Jones; d. at Concord 27 July, 1775; she d. 3 November, 1793.

22. V. JOHN MERRIAM, born at Concord 16 May, 1704; married at Bedford 23 March, 1731, Abigail Howard; lived at Bedford; died 20 September, 1767; his widow married 20 January, 1774, James Lane of Bedford; died 15 November, 1793. Children, born at Bedford:

- i. Rebecca, b. 28 September, 1731; m. ——— Stone.
- ii. Mary, b. 25 July, 1733; m. 17 April, 1755, Ephraim Crosby of Billerica.
- iii. John, b. 13 February, 1735; m. 4 December, 1760, Hannah Brooks of Lincoln; d. 26 December, 1794.
- iv. Anna, b. 13 July, 1737; m. 1 January, 1756, Thomas Page.
- v. Nathaniel, b. 15 December, 1739; d. 15 September, 1758, "in his Majesty's service at Lake George."
- vi. Lydia, b. 6 April, 1742; m. 1 March, 1759, Rev. Nathaniel Sherman of Bedford, who d. at East Windsor, Conn., 18 July, 1797.
- vii. William, b. 3 February, 1744; d. 15 August, 1749.
- viii. Abigail, b. 28 April, 1746; d. 16 August, 1749.
- ix. Thaddeus, b. 17 April, 1748; d. 24 October, 1754.
- x. William, b. 25 August, 1750; m. 30 November, 1769, Esther Bellamy.

23. V. EBENEZER MERRIAM, born at Concord 23 August, 1717; married Sarah ———; lived at Concord; died 12 July 1751. Children, born at Concord:

- i. Sarah, b. 12 September, 1741.
- ii. Elizabeth, b. 1 March, 1744.

24. V. SAMUEL MERRIAM, born at Concord 26 August, 1712; married 17 March, 1741, Jerusha Brooks of Concord. Children, born at Concord:

- i. Elizabeth, b. 7 February, 1742.
- ii. Samuel, b. 2 September, 1744.
- iii. Hannah, b. 4 March, 1746.
- iv. Jerusha, b. 2 October, 1747.

His wife died 2 October, 1747, and he married secondly, 21 December, 1749, Esther Wheeler of Concord; lived at Concord;

died 4 May, 1769; she died 25 September, 1775. Children, born at Concord:

- v. Ebenezer, b. 8 January, 1752; d. 7 March, 1775.
- vi. John, b. 12 January, 1754; d. 15 October, 1804.
- vii. Esther, b. —; m. 5 March, 1770, Thomas Bond.
- viii. Stephen, b. 27 May, 1761.

25. V. NATHAN MERRIAM, born at Concord 12 May, 1720; married 11 January, 1743, Abigail Wheeler of Concord; lived at Concord; died 11 November, 1782; she died 29 May, 1796. Children, born at Concord:

- i. Joseph, b. 26 January, 1744; m. 14 January, 1768, Mary Brooks; moved to Mason, N. H.; d. 6 November, 1826.*
- ii. Abigail, b. 18 November, 1745; m. — Stow.
- iii. Dorothy, b. 16 December, 1747; d. 7 September, 1766.
- iv. Lucy, b. 7 August, 1749; m. 22 November, 1776, Amos Hosmer.
- v. Nathan, b. 25 May, 1751.
- vi. Mehitable, b. 25 March, 1753; probably d. young.
- vii. David, b. 28 October, 1754; probably d. young.
- viii. Mary, b. 21 November, 1756; m. 22 November, 1776, Joseph Wright.
- ix. Hepzibah, b. 23 October, 1758; m. — Wright.
- x. Amos, b. 13 October, 1760.
- xi. Ephraim, b. 26 January, 1764; d. 10 July, 1803.

26. V. JOSIAH MERRIAM, born at Concord 13 February, 1726; married 17 June, 1746, Lydia Wheeler of Concord; lived at Concord; died 23 April, 1809; she died 30 August, 1802. Children, born at Concord:

- i. Lydia, b. 1 May, 1747.
- ii. Mary, b. 2 September, 1749.
- iii. Rebecca, b. 12 September, 1751.
- iv. Sarah, b. 19 April, 1753; m. 30 July, 1776, Noah Wheeler.
- v. Josiah, b. 27 June, 1755; m. 6 August, 1778, Mary Brown; d. 21 November, 1832; she d. 9 January, 1815.
- vi. Timothy, b. 29 September, 1757.
- vii. Anna, b. 10 April, 1760.
- viii. Oliver, b. 10 April, 1762; d. 18 September, 1784.
- ix. Elizabeth, b. 13 July, 1764.
- x. Joseph, b. 22 July, 1767.

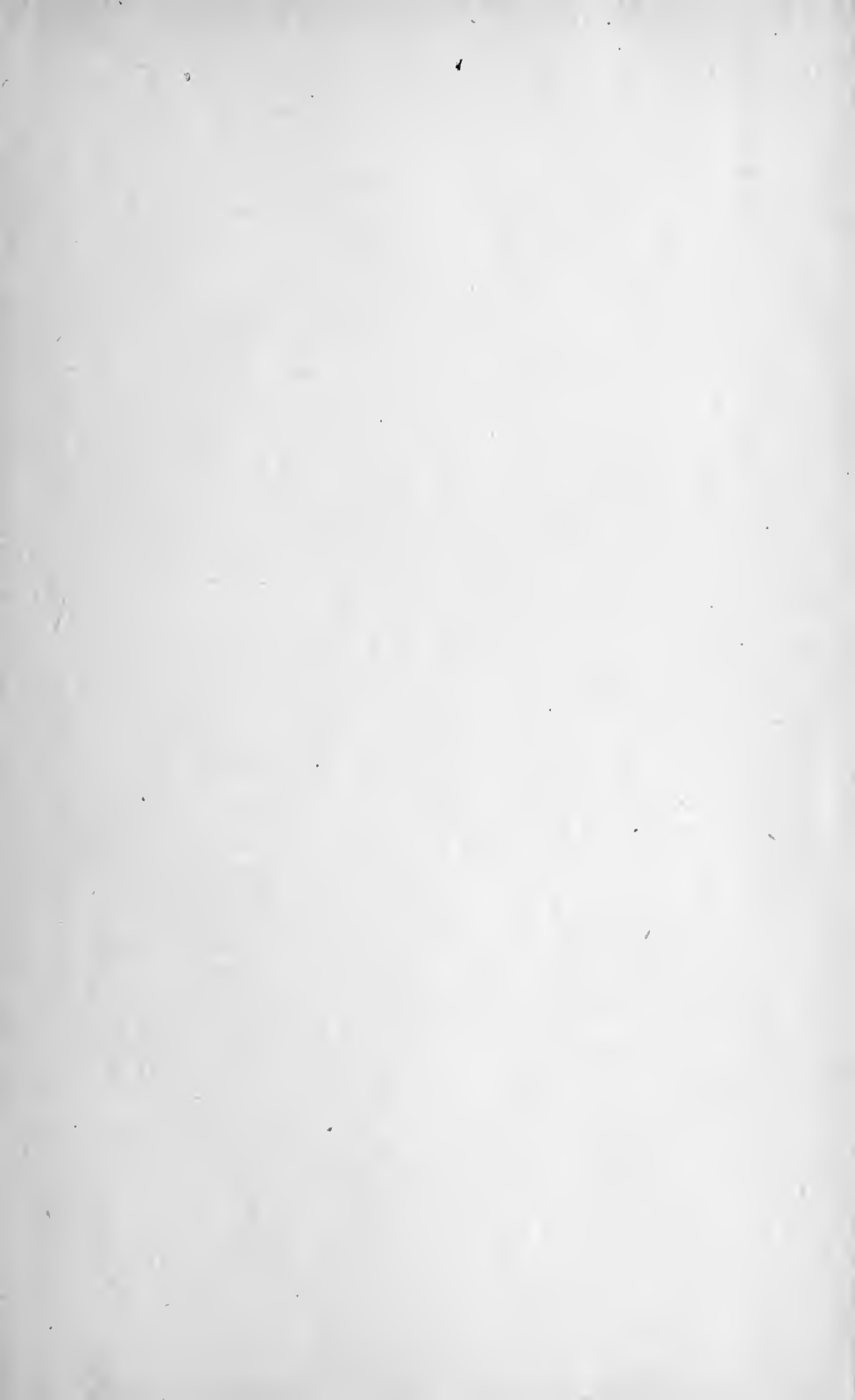
27. V. NATHANIEL MERRIAM, born at Concord 7 May, 1720; married at Bedford 27 December, 1748, Olive Wheeler of Bedford; lived at Bedford; died 9 May, 1802; she died 25 November, 1806. Children, born at Bedford:

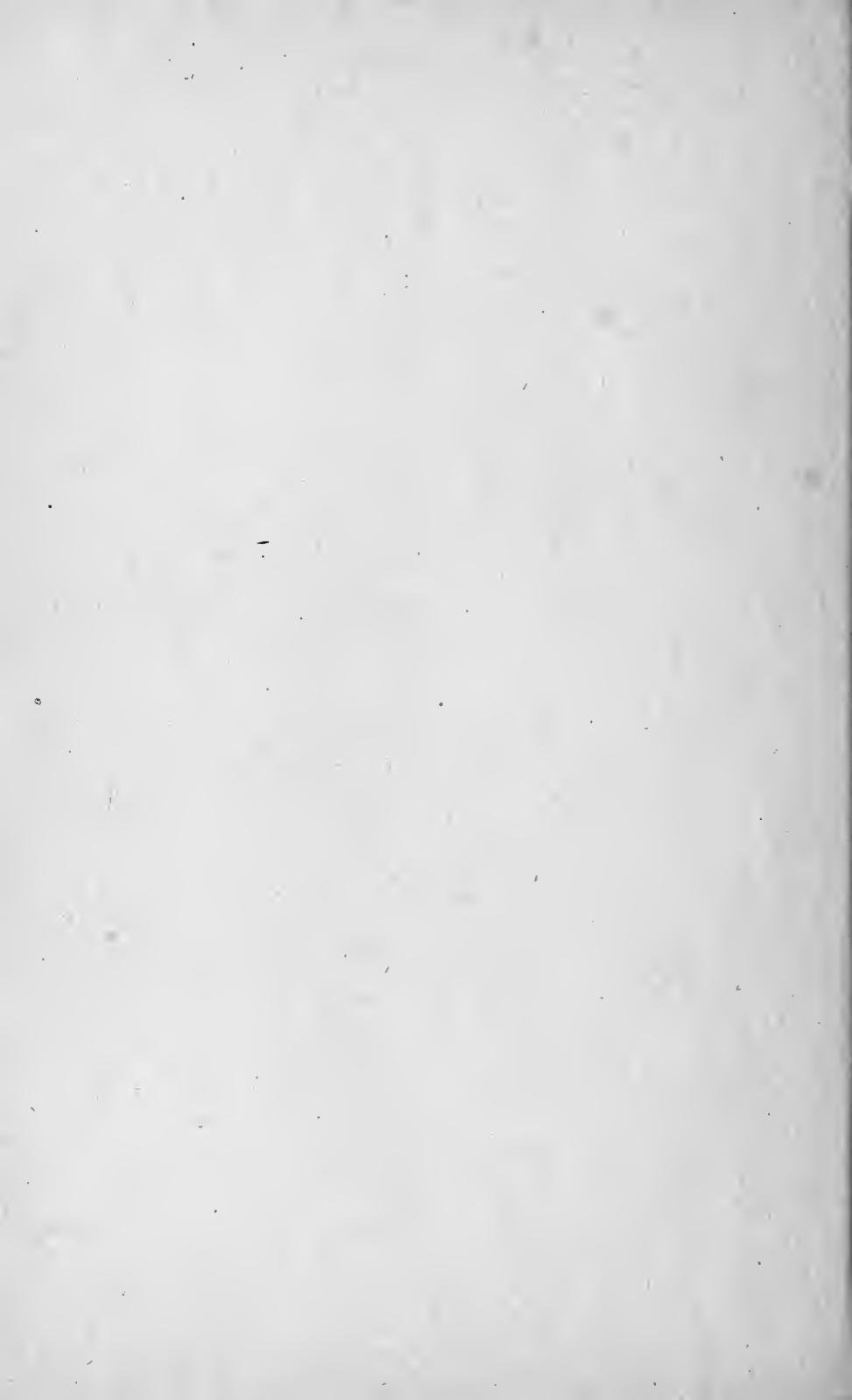
- i. Samuel, b. 5 November, 1749.
- ii. Sarah, b. 10 October, 1753.
- iii. Olive, b. 1 March, 1763.

* For his descendants see History of Mason.









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